## BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or	)	
Revocation of the Educator	)	ORDER OF REVOCATION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF
Certificate of Stephen A. Knotts	)	CHILD SUPPORT
Certificate # 194326	)	

This matter was presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) on Tuesday, February 10, 2004. The State Department of Education (Department) received a Request for Revocation (Request) from the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) on November 14, 2003. The Request states that Stephen A. Knotts is in non-compliance of a court order for child support and has failed to resolve the compliance issue with DSS. The Department requests that the State Board revoke Mr. Knotts's educator certificate # 194326 (certificate) for non-payment of child support.

Under state law, the State Board is required to revoke the certificate of any person who has failed to comply with a court order of child support. Therefore, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §20-7-940 *et seq.*, (Supp. 2003), the State Board hereby revokes Stephen A. Knotts's certificate effective February 10, 2004. The certificate will be reinstated by the Office of Teacher Certification upon notification from the Department of Social Services that Mr. Knotts is in compliance with the court order of child support.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: <u>/S/ Mary E. Jones</u>
Dr. Mary Jones, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

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